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### EDITORIAL

## A Richer Life Because Of Women

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The world belongs to you both — men and women — and you both have to be together to make it as beautiful and divine as possible. If all over the world the woman is free to grow to her potential, there will be many, many women enlightened; many, many women mystics, poets, painters. And they will enhance not only the woman's part of the world — because the world is one — they will enhance the whole world. They will give man also new dimensions because their ways of seeing things are different. Man looks at things in one way; the woman looks from a different perspective. Life will become richer.

It is for the betterment of both man and woman that the woman should be given every freedom and equal opportunity for her individuality. Then there will be a sense of humour. And the woman can laugh more gracefully than man, she has every potential for it — but it is re-

pressed, condemned, criticised. She has lived a life of such misery that you cannot hope that she will show some sense of humour.

But the day is not far away... then the whole earth will be full of laughter. Instead of talks about war, instead of politicians giving speeches all around the world, instead of the sermons of stupid priests who know nothing, it will be far better that every man and every woman is able to see the hilarious side of life and to enjoy it.

Man has been beating women, repressing and, condemning them. And not knowing that doing so is making them inferior, half of hu-

manity is deprived of raising its consciousness. And you are deprived, because you could also have learnt the art of moving upwards from one-half of the universe. You could also have moved on the same way, on the same path; hence I always say, liberation of women is also liberation of man. It is more liberation of man than the liberation of women.

I have accepted women for the first time on an equal basis to men. I am in favour of women's liberation, because I know that unless women are liberated, men will never be liberated. Their liberation is together, because they are two sides of the same

coin. Naturally, many more women have come, because for centuries they were denied, they were insulted, they were never accepted as equal to men. Naturally, more and more women will be coming — and only those men will be here who are ready to accept women as their equal. No male chauvinists can remain around me. It is a family of equal people, with equal dignity.

If women had been respected in the past, humanity would not have been in such a mess as it is today — because women are half of humanity. Half of humanity has remained undignified, uneducated, deprived of all freedom, all movement. We have hampered and handicapped ourselves. We have destroyed half of ourselves, and if we are in misery then who is to be blamed? Abridged from The New Dawn, Talk #31; and Socrates Poisoned Again After 25 Centuries, Talk #21 and Talk #7, courtesy Osho International Foundation, osho.com ■